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NOYES INSCRIPTION AND MEMORANDA.

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A PHOTOGRAPH of the light-brown stone tablet which covers the remains of Rev. James Noyes in the ancient Palmer burying ground upon a sloping hill on the east side of Wequetequoc Cove, midway between Stonington, Connecticut, and Westerly, Rhode Island, is reproduced in fac-simile on the opposite page.

Rev. James Noyes was a son of Rev. James Noyes of Newbury, Mass., and grandson of Rev. William Noyes, rector of Cholderton, Co. Wilts., England. He was born in Newbury, Mass., 11 March, 1639-40; was graduated at Harvard College, 1659; ordained 10 Sept. 1674, as the first minister of Stonington, Conn.; married 11 Sept. 1674, Dorothy, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Lord) Stanton. Rev. James Noyes was one of the founders of Yale College.

The photograph was taken in 1889 under the direction of Judge Richard A. Wheeler of Stonington, Conn. The tablet was recut before the photograph was taken.* George W. Marshall, LL.D., Rouge Croix, Heralds' College, London, says that the only Noy-Noye-Noyes arms recorded are those of William Noy of Bryan, Co. Cornwall, England, who died 1593, and whose grandson was William Noy, Attorney General to Charles I. These arms were granted by Robert Cooke, Clarencieux, and the blazon is as follows:†

Coat—Azure 3 crosses botony in bend Argent.

Crest—On a chapeau Azure turned up Ermine a dove Argent in the beak an olive branch Vert.

The epitaph was written by Rev. Eliphalet Adams, Harvard College 1694, who died 1753; pastor in 1720 of the First Congregational Church, New London, Conn. The original draft was in 1889 in the Sunday School Library Room of the First Congregational Church, Stonington, Conn.‡

Rev. William Noyes, rector of Cholderton, Co. Wilts., Eng. (a town 11 miles from Salisbury), matriculated at University College,

* These arms appear to be wrongfully assumed by this branch of the family. Also the head here is reversed, probably a mistake of the stone cutter.

† This blazoning differs from that in Vivian's Visitation of Cornwall and Burke's General Armory; but is that on record in the Heralds' College, London.

‡ *References*.—Heraldic Journal, Boston, 1866, Vol. II., p. 84. New-England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. XIII., pp. 26-189. Caulkins's History of New London, Conn., p. 285. Wheeler's Hist. First Church, Stonington, Conn., p. 204. Ed. E. Salisbury's Family Hist. and Gen., Vol. I., Pt. 1, pp. xvii., 2-2, 2-5, 316, 319; Vol. III., supplement, Pedigree Charts, Lord, V., VI. Sibley's Harvard Graduates, Vol. II., p. 45.

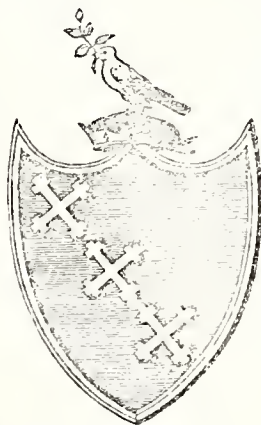


Oxford, 15 Nov. 1588, æ. 20 years, and was graduated B.A. 31 May, 1592. He married Anne Parker. He died intestate before 30 April, 1622, when an Inventory was made and widow app. adm. 28 May, 1622. (Court of Archdeacon of Sarum). She bur. at Cholderton, 7 March, 1657, æ. 82 yrs. (per Parish Register). Her will is at Somerset House, London (Wootton, 130), and mentions sons James and Nicholas in New England. Will made 18 March, 1655, proved 21 April, 1658, at London.

Their sons, Rev. James and Deacon Nicholas Noyes, in March, 1633, embarked for New England in the *Mary and John* of London, with their cousin Rev. Thomas Parker, and were among the settlers of Newbury, Mass., May, 1635.

Rev. James Noyes, born in England about 1608; matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, 22 Aug. 1627, but was not graduated; died at Newbury, Mass., 22 Oct. 1656, æ. 48; married 1633, Sara, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Brown of Southampton, Co. Hants. Eng. She died 13 Sept. 1691, at Newbury, Mass. His will made 17 Oct. 1656, proved 26 Nov. 1656, mentions wife Sara and children, brother Deacon Nicholas Noyes and cousin Rev. Thomas Parker. Inventory of estate amounting to £657 11s. 4d. Her will made 11 Nov. 1681, proved 29 Sept. 1691. Inventory of estate amounted to £1108.*

The branch of the Noyes family of East Mascalls, Co. Sussex, England, represented by Thomas Herbert Noyes, B.A. Ch. Ch. Oxford, claim the following arms:†



Cout—Azure 3 crosses crosslet in bend Argent.

Crest—On a chapeau Gules turned up Ermine a dove Argent in the beak an olive branch Vert.

Dr. Marshall is of the opinion that these arms have been wrongfully assumed.

In the Visitation of Berks at Herakls' College, *no arms are entered* with the partial pedigree of this family.

A cut of the arms of Noyes of East Mascalls from the Archaeological Collections of Co. Sussex, 1857, vol. ix., page 340, is given in the margin.

* *References*.—Registrum Universitatis, Oxon, II., p. 166; III., 171. P. 565 Hist. Newbury, Co. Berks., England, by W. Money. Founders of New England, by S. G. Drake, p. 68. Old New Eng. Traits, by G. Lunt, App. II. and III. Mather's Magnalia, Ed. 1853-5, Vol. I., p. 481. Coffin's Newbury, 15, 23, 312, 356. Reminiscences of a Nonagenarian, by S. A. Emery, p. 114. Savage's Gen. Dict., Vol. III., p. 295, Noyes. Reg., xli, 64, Will of Widow Anne Noyes; xlii, 403, Burial of Mrs. Anne Noyes. Parish Notes, by Rev. E. P. Larrow, rector of Cholderton in 1889, page 8. N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Rec., xx., p. 66, 139.—Poster's Alumni Oxonienses.

† *References*.—Burke's General Armory, Burke's Landed Gentry of Great Britain and Ireland, Walford's County Families, Fairbairn's Crests of the families of Great Britain and Ireland, Lower's Patronymica Britannica, Archaeological Collections of Co. Sussex, London I, Notes and Queries, London.—21 series, Vol. ii., 169-478; 24 series, Vol. vii., 35; 4th series, Vol. i., 399-566; 4th series, Vol. ii., 13-587. The Genealogist, Vol. vi., 1882, p. 67.

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